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BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268--0001

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GENERAL REVIEW OF THE RULES OF PRACTICE

Docket No. RM98-3

MOTION OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO PROVIDE COMMENTS

In Order No. 1218, the Commission solicited comments and suggestions on potential improvements in the Commission's rules of practice. Comments are to be filed on or before October 28, 1998.

The Postal Service welcomes the opportunity to provide comments, but requests an extension of time to do so. Although the Postal Service already has a number of minor suggestions to make, the additional time requested would provide an opportunity for the Postal Service to complete a more comprehensive review and to seek assistance from various sources, in order to formulate suggestions for broad-based improvements in the rules of practice.

The Postal Service would normally have suggested an extension of 30 days. Given the occurrence of the Thanksgiving holiday at that time, the Postal Service suggests that the Commission allow all parties until December 2, 1998, to file comments in response to Order No. 1218.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in Docket No. R97-1 in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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